

UGANDA

USAID Humanitarian Assistance in Review, 1997 – Present

Since 1986, protracted conflict in northern Uganda between the Lord's Resistance Army and the Government of Uganda has created a complex emergency marked by violent attacks against civilians, extensive displacement, and the abduction of children for forced conscription, labor, and sexual servitude. In 2006 and 2007, improved security, greater freedom of movement, and significant progress toward a negotiated settlement to the conflict encouraged an estimated 920,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) to relocate closer or return to home communities. However, an additional 843,000 IDPs remain in overcrowded camps. Many IDPs and returnees continue to lack sufficient access to essential services in conflict-affected areas. Although tenuous, recent stability in northern Uganda has led to improved humanitarian conditions and signs of recovery as returning and conflict-affected populations begin to rebuild and reestablish livelihoods.



While continuing to address emergency needs, USAID/OFDA is facilitating the transition from emergency relief programs towards longer-term development programming by prioritizing projects that support the returns process and assist conflict-affected populations to reestablish livelihoods in home communities. USAID/OFDA-supported initiatives include increasing the amount of arable land to improve food security, rehabilitating water points in areas of return, repairing roads to provide access to markets and support local economies, and funding radio programs to inform returnees on local conditions and services. In addition, USAID/OFDA is working closely with USAID offices devoted to conflict mitigation, transition initiatives, and long-term development to create an integrated early recovery strategy for Uganda. In 2007, USAID established a sub-office in Gulu to monitor ongoing activities and coordinate USAID efforts in the region.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA (FISCAL YEARS 1997-2007), IN MILLIONS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
OFDA	<\$1.0	\$2.0	\$1.3	\$1.9	<\$1.0	\$1.5	\$3.9	\$8.9	\$11.8	\$12.0	\$12.7
FFP¹	\$2.4	\$6.3	\$9.4	\$8.7	\$14.3	\$15.5	\$58.0	\$55.3	\$48.5	\$42.2	\$45.4
Other USG²	-	-	<\$1.0	\$5.4	\$4.6	\$6.2	\$7.3	\$5.6	\$6.8	\$7.0	\$7.8
Total	\$3.3	\$8.3	\$11.4	\$16.2	\$19.5	\$23.2	\$69.2	\$69.8	\$67.1	\$61.2	\$65.9

¹ USAID's Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

² Includes additional humanitarian assistance funding from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration and USAID's offices of Transition Initiatives.



OFDA programs provide potable water to displaced families in northern Uganda. Photo by Al Dwyer, USAID.

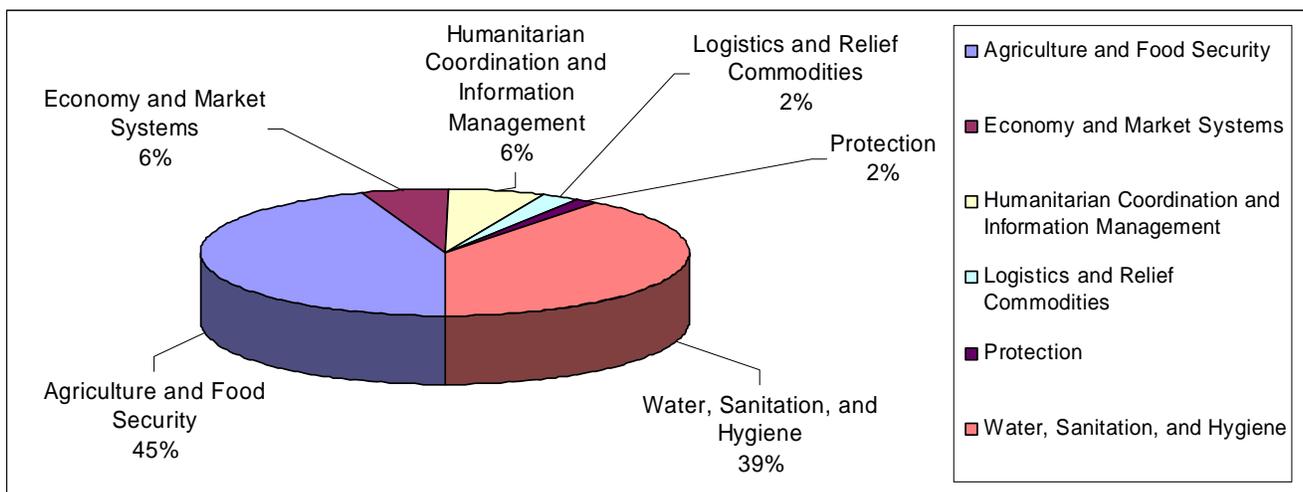
For more than a decade, USAID/OFDA and USAID/FFP-funded programs have assisted an estimated 1.8 million IDPs. Since 1997, USAID has provided more than \$391 million in humanitarian assistance to Uganda, including more than \$58 million in health, protection, nutrition, food security and agriculture, humanitarian coordination and information management, infrastructure rehabilitation, and water, sanitation, and hygiene programs and more than \$333 million in emergency food assistance to date. In addition to providing assistance to vulnerable populations affected by Uganda's protracted humanitarian emergency, USAID/OFDA responded to Ebola outbreaks in 2001 and 2008 and severe flooding in Uganda's Teso Region in 2007.

In FY 2007 alone, USAID/OFDA provided nearly \$13 million in humanitarian assistance programs to beneficiaries in

established camps, as well as in new returnee sites located in areas of origin as part of USAID/OFDA's focus on sustainable returns. In FY 2007, USAID/FFP authorized 67,470 metric tons of P.L. 480 Title II emergency food assistance valued at more than \$45 million.

USAID/OFDA continues to monitor humanitarian conditions, respond to evolving needs, and coordinate with other humanitarian agencies to lay the foundation for broader development programs in Uganda.

USAID/OFDA NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA BY SECTOR (FISCAL YEAR 2007)³



³ Approximate percentage of assistance by sector, excluding administrative and support costs.